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STOCKPILE ACCEPTS CHROMITE ORE OFFERS

Ft. Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile Center today announced the award of approximately 78,000 short dry tons (SDT) of chemical grade chromite ore under Solicitation for Offers, DLA-Chromite, Chemical & Refractory Grade-003, to MMC Resources, Inc., Houston, TX. The approximate provisional value is \$1.6 million.

This sale exhausts the DNSC inventory of chemical grade chromite ore. Refractory grade chromite ore will continue to be offered for sale on the fourth Thursday of each month. Offers are due by 11:00 a.m., local time, on January 22, 2003, at 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 3229, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6223.

Requests for copies of the Solicitation and other inquiries should be directed to Danny Lester at 703-767-5482. Additional information is also available on the DNSC internet site: https://www.dnsc.dla.mil .

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